

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
Question on notice

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4795. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Mines and Petroleum.

With regard to Mining Licence M37/592 and M37/608 -

- (1) Which company or companies hold these Mining Leases, and when were the leases granted?
- (2) Were negotiations undertaken with the traditional owners in relation to the grant of the mining licence prior to the grant of the licences?
- (3) If yes to (2), what was the result of the negotiations?
- (4) If yes to (2), were negotiations undertaken with the Mantjintjarra Ngalia claim group?
- (5) If no to (2) or (4), why not?

Answer

- (1) Mining Leases 37/592 and 37/608 were originally granted to Sundowner Minerals NL on 6 July 2009. Sundowner then changed its name to Barrick (Darlot) NL on 21 January 2011.
- (2) Yes.
- (3) DMP commenced its negotiation proceedings in accordance with the future act requirements of the (Cth) *Native Title Act 1993* with the issue of notice to affected native title parties and the tenement applicant on 12 February 2008. During the course of negotiations two overlapping Native Title Claims (the Koara and Sir Samuel claims) were dismissed by the Federal Court on 13 October 2008 and negotiations were terminated. At the time of grant of the two leases, the Manjintjarra Ngalia Claim (WC96/20) was not registered by the National Native Title Tribunal.
- (4) The Mantjintjarra Ngalia People were included at the commencement of negotiations by notice dated 12 February 2008 as required under the provisions of the *Native Title Act 1993*. As the claim was not registered, the negotiations were terminated.
- (5) Not applicable.



MINISTER FOR MINES AND PETROLEUM